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Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. 189.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1909.

A very satisfactory defence seems to have
been made by the Japanese Government to
the allegation contained in a recent official
report to Washington by Mr. F. D. Clowd,
who until quite lately was the American
consular representative at Mukden. Mr.
Clowd's statements suggested that Japanese
goods are being smuggled in enormous
quantities into Manchuria from the leased
territory of Kwantung, and that the trade
of other foreign merchants in Korea is
greatly handicapped on this account. It
is confusing to have two large tracts of
territory in China bearing the same name,
and it may be well to state that the Kwan-
tung mentioned in this article is not the
neighboring province, of which Canton is
the capital, but that part of Manchuria
leased to Japan. The Consul quoted statis-
tics from the Chinese Customs returns for
1908 to support the view he adopts, that
extensive smuggling is being practised by theJapanese. Thus, we are told that these
returns show the total value of goods
directly imported from foreign countries
into Manchuria at Dairen in 1908 was Tls.
17,205,936. Of this amount goods to the
value of Tls. 4,645,079 only found their way
into the interior by rail, and it follows
that 12,570,857 tael's worth "ostensibly"
remained within the boundaries of the leasedterritory of Kwantung. Mr. Clowd, how-
ever, infers from the sparsity of the popula-
tion of that territory, that all these
goods could not possibly have been needed
for Kwantung; and that, therefore, the
greater portion of them must have been
smuggled from Kwantung into the interior
of Manchuria by rail. The Consul
surely could scarcely have realised the
gravity of the attack he was making, all too
recklessly, on the honesty and good faith of
the Government of Japan, or he would have
been careful to make sure that his damaging
inference was a perfectly sound one. He,
however, appears to have taken no pains
whatever to examine his conclusions. The
Foreign Office in Tokyo, in a communiqué to
the Press, shows conclusively that Mr.
Clowd's deductions from the Customs totals
are entirely fallacious. There were sound
reasons apparently why only one-fourth of
the goods imported at Dairen should have
passed over the borders of Kwantung into
the interior of Manchuria. Mr. Clowd's
report overlooked the fact that upwards of
70 per cent. of the imports consisted of
railway material, industrial machinery and
building material. Practically the whole
of this was needed in the leased territory of
Kwantung, and the interesting note is added
that 99 per cent. of the Railway Company's
requirements (reaching in value 12,000,000
taels) came from America. There is little or
no industrial enterprise at present outside
the territory leased to Japan, and though
the population is small in comparison with
that for the whole province of
Manchuria, the industrial developments and
the railway conversions and double tracking
which have been taking place would seem to
fully account for three-fourths of the imports (judged by their
value) being consumed in this comparatively
small part of the province. If smuggling
of the kind suggested in the Consul's
report had really been taking place, some
support for the contention might be looked
for in the imports from other countries,
which are presumed to have suffered.
Foreign goods for the interior of Man-
churia pass usually through Newchwang,
and last year, when all this enormous smuggling
was assumed to have taken place, we
find that the imports at Newchwang showed
an increase of 50 per cent. over the returns
of the previous year. There is therefore no
substantial support for Mr. Clowd's sug-
gestions of Japanese smuggling on a very
extensive scale, and the significance of the
Customs statistics noted by the Consul is
shown to have a very simple and apparently
a quite satisfactory explanation.The five principal cement companies of Japan
and some of the minor ones are reported to have
concluded arrangements for forming a trust,
so as to rescue their business, if possible, from
its depressed condition. The cessation of new
industrial enterprises has hit the cement
companies hardest of all, not only because
the demand for their product has lessened, but
also because its price has fallen. They are said
to be now planning to increase their exports to
Australia and Vladivostock.By kind permission of Major H. C. B.
Dann and Officers the Band of the 105th
Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following
programme of music at the King Edward
Hotel during dinner to-morrow (weather
permitting):—Priests' War March from "Athalie"; M. Mendelssohn
Caprice ... "Echo des Bästlings" ... King
Two Step ... "Ara Wannah" ... Morse
Selection ... "King of Cadorna" ... Jones
Value ... "The Barcarolle" ... Petras
Sketch ... "Down South" ... Myddleton
Selection ... "Eve and the Girl" ... "Aryll
"Reminiscences of Scott" ... Godfrey
God Save the King.A large launch will leave Kowloon Police
Pier at 8.50 p.m. on Friday to convey guests to
the dance on board the "Tamar".A Japanese company has been formed to
work mica mines in Korea. Mica has only
recently been discovered in Korea.Mr. S. Binney, 4, Peak Road, reports to the
police that he left on the first seat in Bowen
Road a rhinoceros horn walking stick valued
at £25.Two Japanese were at the Magistracy fined
\$100 each or undergo six weeks' imprisonment
for having stowed away on the s.s. *Prins
Sigismund*.The Commander-in-Chief, the Captain and
Officers of H.M.S. *King Alfred* have decided to
give a dance in the City Hall on Monday,
February 14th. The cruiser leaves for Home at
the end of February.The hearing of the charge under the
Bankruptcy Ordinance against Moosa Ibrahim,
an Indian draper, was continued at the
Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. R. Halifax.
Documentary evidence was given and the case
again remanded.The Hon. Mr. Hazelton sat at the Magistracy
yesterday to resume the hearing of the charges
against certain Chinese merchants of having
infringed certain trade-marks with respect to
pills. The case has been pending for months
and was again remanded.For selling opium which purported to be the
Opium Farmer's and bore labels identical to his
respectively dressed Chinese was at the Magis-
tracy yesterday ordered to pay a fine of \$250 or
go to prison for three months. Mr. Hoggarth,
the chief excise officer, caught the defendant in
the act of selling the opium.A Rice League has just been formed in
Hongkong. Mr. M. S. Northcote has been ap-
pointed hon. secretary, and the subscription has
been fixed at \$10 per annum. The rules of the
League are now in print, and may be obtained
shortly from the hon. secretary. The Committee
hope to raise sufficient funds for a trophy.The Austrian cruiser *Kaiserin Elisabeth*
arrived in port yesterday.The profit earned by the South Manchurian
Railway during the half-year ended September
30th was yen 1,685,666.This year's output of beans in Manchuria is
estimated as being worth Y100,000,000.
About 40 per cent. of the output is taken by
the bean-mills, and the rest exported.Thirteen goldsmiths and a woman were
arrested by the police at Circular Pathway on
Tuesday night for gambling. At the Magis-
tracy yesterday the three leaders were fined \$30
each and the remainder \$3 each.We have received copies of the programme
for the annual race meeting which takes place
at Happy Valley on February 15th, 16th and
17th. There are, as usual, ten races each day.
The training is now in progress and entries
close on the 15th prox.The Bishops who assisted the Archbishop of
Cantberg in the consecration of the four
new Eastern bishops early this month at West-
minster Abbey were the Bishops of London,
Southwell, Lichfield, Birmingham, Liverpool,
Stafford, Jarrold, and Bishop Montgomery,
Evington, Fyson, and Corfe.The Kowloon Cricket Club announce the
usual Children's Sports at King's Park, Kow-
loon, on New Year's Day and give an open
invitation to the children of the Colony and
their parents. This is the fifth year in suc-
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every year. H. E. the Governor has kindly
promised to attend and present the prizes to
the winners in the races.Before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N.,
at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday,
Captain Downs, master of the sailing ship
Jutopolis, charged R. Franklin and J. J.
Edwards, seamen, with wilfully disobeying
lawful commands. On hearing the evidence his
Worship considered the charges proved, and
sentenced each of the defendants to imprisonment
for seven days with hard labour, or until
the ship sailed, and ordered each to forfeit two
days' pay.The five principal cement companies of Japan
and some of the minor ones are reported to have
concluded arrangements for forming a trust,
so as to rescue their business, if possible, from
its depressed condition. The cessation of new
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companies hardest of all, not only because
the demand for their product has lessened, but
also because its price has fallen. They are said
to be now planning to increase their exports to
Australia and Vladivostock.The Roman Catholic Cathedral is thrown
open from daybreak till 6 p.m. to-day, to-morrow
and on New Year's Day. There will be exposition
of the Holy Sacrament each day, and in the
evening sermons preached by the Rev.
Rector of the Cathedral, concluding with the
Benediction of the Holy Sacrament. To-morrow
evening after 5 o'clock a solemn Te Deum will
be sung, his Lordship the Bishop officiating
assisted by the full clergy and seminarians. On
New Year's Day a High Pontifical Mass will be
officiated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev.
Fr. F. Novak, a deacon and a sub-deacon, at 8
o'clock in the morning, and in the evening
soloaria, vespers, sermon and Benediction, con-
cluding with the singing of the "Adeste fideles"
by the choir of St. Joseph's College.

"FACING THE MUSIC."

Last night the Baudmann No. 1 Comedy Co.
presented that old favourite "Facing the
Music" to a large audience in the theatre royal.The play, which is really a series of misun-
derstandings placing the principals in awkward
and amusing predicaments, is one which, by the
numerous laugh it creates, should always find
favour with the theatre-going public.Mr. Henry Dallas, as "the other Mr. Smith," and
Mr. Harry Neville, as "the Rev. Smith," together
with Miss Lillian Dundas as "Mabel" and Miss Blanche Forsythe as
"Nora," filled the principal roles with consider-
able success, and kept the audience in fitful
laughter during their tenure of the boards.The other members of the Company cleverly inter-
preted their parts, and with the dropping of the
curtain another success was established by this
populär troupe.The Company terminate their short stay here
tonight when "A Pair of Spectacles" will be
staged.

The report was as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The General Manager begs to
submit the accompanying Profit and Loss Ac-
count for the 18 months ended 30th June, 1909,
and also Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1909, show-
ing a loss for the period of \$7,235.47. This
adverse result in the working of the period is
attributed to general trade depression in the
Colony, and to the drastic measures adopted in
writing down the value of the stock. Owing to
illness the General Manager was unable to take
stock at 31st December, 1908, and, under the
circumstances, it was decided to leave this over
to the 30th June, 1909, at which date the stock
was duly taken. The accounts therefore cover
a period of 18 months. Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin
has audited the accounts now presented and
offers himself for re-election.—F. ELLIS,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Noel, Murray & Co's Report on the
Shanghai Piece Goods Trade says:—For the quietness of the market at the close,
this year is positively going to break the record.
There is a certain amount of inquiry it is true,
but there is an almost entire absence of actual
business going through. The stringency of the
native money market, although interest is not
very high, is greatly hampering business, as
would-be buyers cannot get the wherewithal to
comply with the terms most holders are stip-
ulating for, namely, prompt cash. There are
plenty who are willing to put goods in the book
for two months delivery if they can be
bought at current rates, or some such
outrageous price, but importers prefer
taking the risk of the market themselves
in view of the prospective short supplies.
It is thought in some quarters that about the
middle of next month, when holders may be
more inclined to give delivery after China New
Year, buying will be on a feverishJapan, papers publish a rumour that the
Toyo Kisen, Kaisha will separate from the
Pacific Mail Company. In a sequel of
several visits to Japan by Mr. Avery, General
Manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the
directors of the Company it is said have tacitly
agreed to withdraw from co-operation with the
Pacific Mail Company. Another proposition
which is said to have been advanced is that of
cutting off Honolulus as a port of call for
Japanese steamers and making the straight run
between Yokohama and San Francisco on a ten-
day schedule. The average cargo which the
T.K.K. steamers have been taking from
Oriental ports to Honolulu has amounted to
about 1,200 tons a trip, but it is asserted that
this quantity of cargo could easily be secured in
goods destined for American consignees.It is becoming very plain that the stocks of
suitable goods both here and in the country are
fast dwindling down.The River markets are extremely quiet this
year, although they have usually shown con-
siderable activity after the closing of the
Northern Ports. Some of the dealers say
it is on account of the damage done in the
country by the floods during the Autumn. We
have not heard any more about Ningpo, but
the poor clearances for the port would seem to
fully confirm the bad reports we mentioned

recently.

TELEGRAMS.

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MR. BALFOUR.

LONDON, December 29th.
Mr. Balfour has completely recovered from his recent indisposition.SEIZURE OF CONFIDENTIAL
NAVAL PLANS.

LONDON, December 29th.

The arrest of a draftsman named
Knowlden, belonging to the torpedo
school ship "Vernon" at Portsmouth,
led to the seizure at his house of
eighty drawings and plans of the most
confidential nature, the possession of
which would have revealed to anyone
the results of the whole labour done
in perfecting wireless telegraphy for
the British Navy.Five shipbuilding plans were in-
cluded in the drawings seized.

A BIG CITY OF PARIS LOAN.

LONDON, December 28th.

The French Chamber of Deputies
has authorised a City of Paris loan
for £36,000,000 sterling for the
embellishment of the City and sanitary
improvements.NEW YEAR SERVICES AT THE
CHURCHES.On Friday evening, December 31st, there
will be a Watch Night Service in St. John's
Cathedral, commencing at 11.15 p.m. The
hymns sung will be Nos. 165, 238 and 74,
and an address will be given by the Bishop of
Victoria. For the benefit of those who wish to
attend there will be special trams to and
from the Peak at 11 p.m. and 12.15 a.m.On the following morning, January 1st,
the Festival of the Circumcision and New
Year's Day, there will be celebration of the
Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m.NEW YEAR SERVICES AT THE
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will be a Watch Night Service in St. John's
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hymns sung will be Nos. 165, 238 and 74,
and an address will be given by the Bishop of
Victoria. For the benefit of those who wish to
attend there will be special trams to and
from the Peak at 11 p.m. and 12.15 a.m.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be Responsible for any Debt contracted by his wife, ELIZA MARIA FERNANDEZ. M. A. FERNANDEZ. Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [1573]

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ESTATE OF THE LATE GEORGE PADGETT TAYLER, OF TAIHOKU, FORMOSA.

LETTERS of Administration of the Estate of the late GEORGE PADGETT TAYLER, of Taihoku, Formosa, who died December 17th, 1909, having been issued to the Undersigned, it is requested that Particulars of all Claims against or Debts due to the said Estate be in by February 28th, 1910.

A. E. FIRTH,

Acting British-Consul, Tamsui. Tamsui, 22nd December, 1909. [1575]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the Undersigned A. W. PURNELL and C. S. PAGE, carrying on the Business of Architects and Civil Engineers at Canton in the Empire of China under the Style or Firm of PURNELL and PAGE will on the 31st (thirty-first) day of December, 1909 (one thousand nine hundred and nine), be Dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to or owing by the late Firm will be received and paid by the Undersigned C. S. PAGE, by whom the Business will in future be carried on.

Dated this 26th day of December, 1909.

ARTHUR WILLIAM PURNELL. CHARLES SOUDERS PAGE. [1576]

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THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeded the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. on the 31st inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., Ltd.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909. [16]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

Die amtlichen Veröffentlichungen des Komitats Pakhoi-Hoihow werden im Jahr 1910 durch den "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Pakhoi, den 24. Dezember 1909. [1568]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. SHIWAN, TOKU & CO., Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 30th day of December, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Subjoined Resolution, that is to say:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered.

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction of part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority or not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause X.Y. a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such ways and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may so far as the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act, 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 30th day of December, 1909.

By Order,

SHIWAN, TOME & Co.,

General Managers. [1553]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, the following days will be observed as BANK HOLIDAYS:—

SATURDAY, 1st January.
MONDAY, 3rd January.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1552]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 1st January.
MONDAY, the 3rd January.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 1st January.
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Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1555]

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1558]

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T. H. KING,
Hon. Secretary, H.K.H.C.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1909. [1553]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1152]

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1909. [797]

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [618]

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TANTALLON, 126, BARKER ROAD,
Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by
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All are in First-Class Condition, suitable for
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Hongkong, 8th November, 1909. [1396]

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Outhouse, Commanding a Fine View of the
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Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [936]

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PREMISES lately rented by Messrs.
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PREMISES at SHAMEEN, CANTON, now in

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [100]

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1258-147]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1177]

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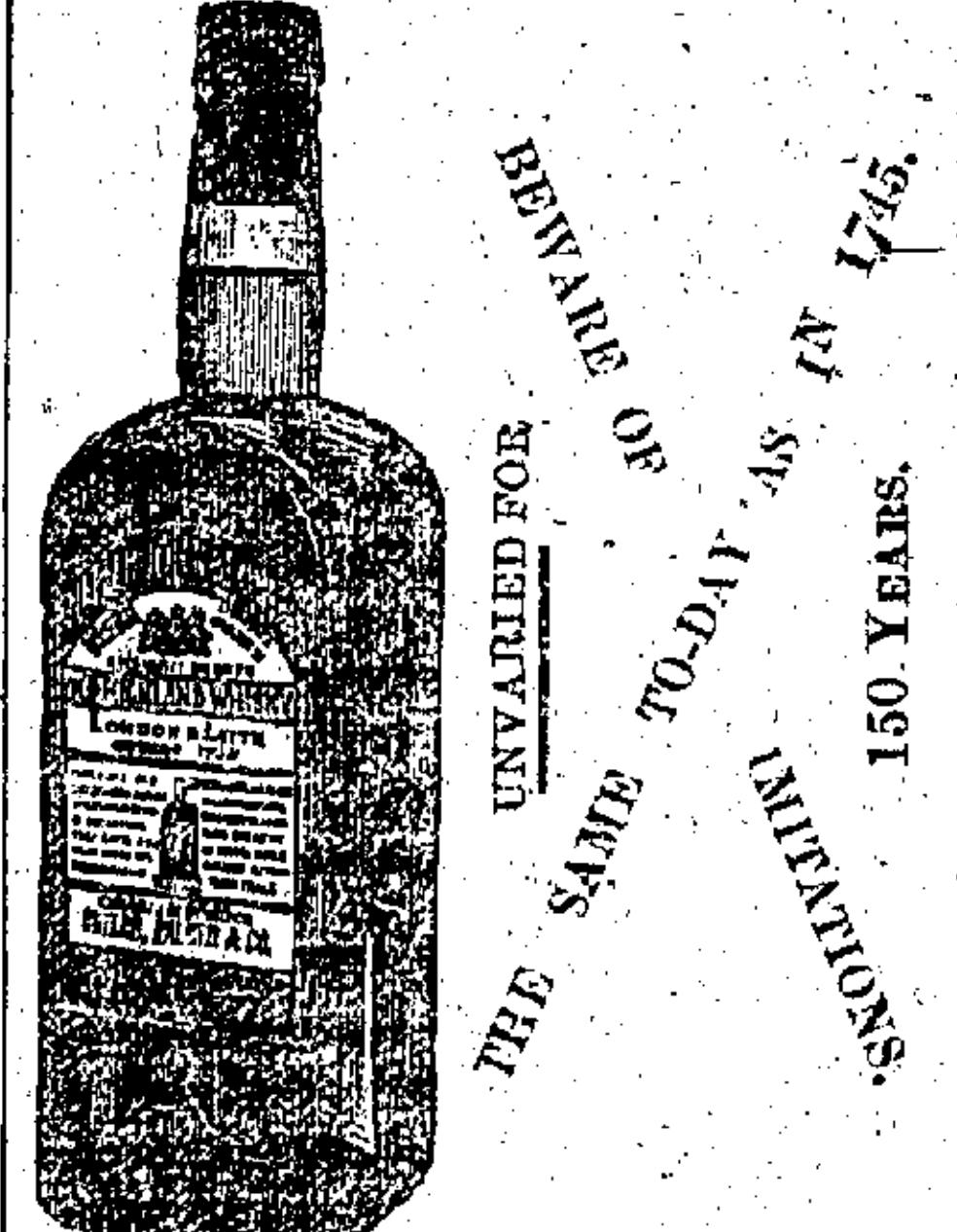
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Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [1500]

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NAVAL POSITION IN SHIPS AND MEN.

(By THE NAVAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE
"DAILY TELEGRAPH.")

There are statistics—and statistics. They may be manipulated to prove or disprove almost anything. In the study of figures bearing on political or semi-political issues it is essential to remember that their value depends largely on the authority behind them, and the bias of the person who prepared them. Do they represent the truth or only a half-truth? For instance, it was recently stated that in the two years ending in December, Germany will have launched nine Dreadnoughts, including Dreadnoughts we have now under the pennant fifty-six armoured vessels fit to be in the line, as compared with fifty-three belonging to Germany and the United States, and forty-three possessed by Germany and France—and the British ships are larger, swifter, and more powerful. The superiority of the British vessels is suggested—possibly somewhat exaggerated—by the aggregate tonnage of the battleships and battleship cruisers of the several fleets, including those building, but excluding those authorised and not technically building, thus failing to take into account the four contingent British ships, two American, two German, and three Italian battleships, which have not actually been laid down:

repair ships, converted merchant vessels, or any other auxiliaries; vessels of less than 1,000 tons, except torpedo craft; torpedo craft of less than fifty tons.

Consequently these statistics refer only to the fighting fleet and to the modern fighting fleet, ships over twenty years old being excluded.

A CONTRAST OF TONNAGE.

Bearing in mind the British preponderance in Dreadnoughts, completed and completing, over any two Powers, the figures are not unsatisfactory. They show very clearly that in battleships, armoured cruisers, protected cruisers, and destroyers the British Navy is above the Two-Power Standard. Including Dreadnoughts we have now under the pennant fifty-six armoured vessels fit to be in the line, as compared with fifty-three belonging to Germany and the United States, and forty-three possessed by Germany and France—and the British ships are larger, swifter, and more powerful. The superiority of the British vessels is suggested—possibly somewhat exaggerated—by the aggregate tonnage of the battleships and battleship cruisers of the several fleets, including those building, but excluding those authorised and not technically building, thus failing to take into account the four contingent British ships, two American, two German, and three Italian battleships, which have not actually been laid down:

Building	Building
No. (tons).	No. (tons).
England ... 56	840,200 ... 9 ... 191,000
Germany ... 26	318,424 ... 9 ... 183,000
United States ... 27	366,146 ... 4 ... 83,650
France ... 17	215,270 ... 6 ... 108,180
Japan ... 13	186,493 ... 4 ... 76,000
Russia ... 5	62,600 ... 8 ... 150,600
Italy ... 10	122,600 ... 4 ... 18,000
Austria ... 3	31,800 ... 3 ... 43,500

The figures are interesting and misleading. They represent the tonnage of all the qualities incorporated in these vessels, and this tends to exaggerate the British preponderance. British battleships carry large reserves of coal and ammunition, and as a rule are swifter than foreign ships, and speed means more boilers and heavier engines. Under all circumstances these qualities would not necessarily be translatable into fighting power. In a battle of the Thames, for instance, the British ships might gain no advantage from their large radius of action, fire-endurance, or speed, and yet these represent some of the weight shown in the above statistics. These factors in naval design are essential, because England is a world Power and may have to send her main Fleet far away in search of the enemy. Consequently figures of aggregate tonnage, like those of ships building, to which reference has already been made, need to be employed with extreme caution, owing to their tendency to mislead. But, making due allowance for this weakness in such a statistical method, the comparison shows at least that Britannia still holds the trident, and holds it firmly, and that when the four continental battleships are laid down—active preparations are already well advanced—the immediate outlook will not be unfavourable, though the more distant outlook is extremely black.

The progress of Germany is not a thing which can be ignored. In the opening financial year her naval expenditure, apart from the outlay on the Kiel Canal of about a million sterling, will amount to nearly £22,000,000, and she will lay down four more large armoured ships, two second-class cruisers, twelve torpedo-boat destroyers, and about a dozen submarines. She is making a bold bid for commanding naval power. On the other side of the Atlantic, no less than in the United Kingdom, there is no doubt as to her rapid expansion. She is outstripping the American Navy. England still, however, holds her traditional position, but she holds it *vis-à-vis* to Germany and France, or Germany and the United States, instead of *vis-à-vis* to France and Russia, as in the past. She can maintain her standing, however, only by further determined effort in the coming year, when the keels of thirty more vessels for the German fleet will go down, in accordance with the immutable Naval Act.

It may be very properly observed that even on this showing, while we have ten Dreadnoughts complete or nearly complete, and Germany only four, the latter country has under construction only one less than we have—and four of our ships will not be commenced until April next. It is not, however, the ships building, but the ships built, that govern naval power—in other words, it is the period of construction on which all calculations of future naval strength must be based. We build our largest battleships in two years—that is the contract time—and therefore, we always have fewer ships under construction than Germany, which takes more and about three years to complete a similar number. The British Vanguard, which on her trials has shown herself the swiftest battleship in the world, with a speed of 22.4 knots, was not laid down by Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim until April 2, 1908, and long before that date next year she will be flying the pennant. All the Admiralty contracts are being made under this time-limit—completion in two years. This swiftness of construction is the fundamental factor in attempting to estimate the British naval position next year, the year after, and in 1912. As the Navy Department of the United States observes, in issuing its latest statistics of warships building for the great fleets of the world: "In making comparisons of naval strength, and particularly of naval increase, the fact should be taken into consideration that the rapidity of construction varies materially in different countries. In England, Germany, and Japan, battleships and armoured cruisers are completed in two to three years; in the United States in three years; and in France, Italy, and Russia, not less than four years are required."

STRENGTH OF THE FLEETS.

In these naval statistics, issued by the Navy Department, we have figures which are free from suspicion. They reveal the whole truth, boldly and without prevarication. They are based, not on guesswork, but on the most painstaking investigation made by the American naval attaches in all parts of the world, and give the situation as it actually existed on Nov. 1. Attention has already been directed to the position in the largest armoured ships of England and Germany; we have twenty built or building, and Germany has thirteen. To complete this aspect of the inquiry it may be added that the United States has two completed and six building, France has six building, Japan one completed and three building, and Russia and Italy four authorised or on the stocks and likely to remain there for many months. Thus, in Dreadnoughts and Indomitable we have twenty built and building to twenty-one, which take longer for construction than we do. But the fighting power of a fleet does not depend entirely, or mainly, on Dreadnoughts, which just now somewhat unduly fill the public eye. The Dreadnought was not the first battleship built, but merely embodied a new design. What is the standing of the fleets in other battleships, in armoured cruisers, in protected cruisers, and torpedo craft? The official American figures are as follows:

Rank	England	France	United States
Admirals ...	96	45	36
Captains and Commanders ...	625	338	2

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ANHUI, British str., 1,350, J. B. Harris, 29th Dec.—Shanghai 26th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
BAEDEMAR, British str., 2,314, Saxby, 29th Dec.—Foochow 27th Dec., General—Doddwell & Co.
DAIGO MARU, Japanese str., 864, H. Murayama, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., Tea and General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 29th Dec.—Probolinggo 19th Dec., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Reach, 29th Dec.—Swatow 26th December, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
KAISERIN ELISABETH, Austrian man-of-war, 4,000, Oskar Hansen, 29th Dec.—Saigon.
KUMSANG, British str., 2,078, E. J. Buller, 29th Dec.—Calcutta, Pusan and Singapore 20th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LAERTES, British str., 1,340, Frampton, 29th Dec.—Saigon 23rd December, General—Chinese.
NANSHAN, British str., 1,299, Allan Jones, 29th December—Saigon 23rd December, Rice—Order.
SUEVIA, German str., 4,500, Koizumi, 29th Dec.—Shanghai 26th Dec., General—Hamburg—Amrika Linie.
TINOSANG, British str., 28th Dec.—Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE

29th December.
Anhui, British str., for Canton.
Antiochus, British str., for Kobe.
Bendix, British str., for Nagasaki.
Hastan, British str., for Swatow.
Merapi, Dutch str., for Amoy.
Pingtseu, British str., for Shanghai.
Shinsa Maru, Jap. str., for Moji.
Tingang, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

29th December.
DENBIGHSHIRE, British str., for Singapore.
E. F. FEEDINGHAM, Austrian str., for Singapore.
FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
GOEDEN, German str., for Europe, &c.
HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow.
J. DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., for Hoilow.
KANG PING, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.
KWONGSANG, British str., for Canton.
J. JERSEN, German str., for Haiphong.
TAKASAKI MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.
TJIMAH, Dutch str., for Batavia.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Nanshan* reports: Strong N.E. monsoon and sea.
The British str. *Anhui* reports: Light monsoon and fine weather.
The British str. *Kumsang* reports: Strong N.E. monsoon with heavy seas.
The British str. *Lacifer* reports: Strong monsoon and high seas off the Port, moderate monsoon and sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 29th.
KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.F.M.S. *Rainha Amelia*, Hilary, Rio Lima, Zafiro, Robert Lelaudy, Heungshan, Lien Kong, Acacia, COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Pheumeprih.

TAIKOO DOCK.—Wahu, Manchuria, Kuei-
yang, Kueichow, Wenchow, Shuntien, Koschi-
chang.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Dec. 1, British 4m. bq. *Eclipse*, White, from Hongkong for New York.
Dec. 4, British str. *Islander*, Deans, Dec. 2, from Christmas Island for Singapore.
Dec. 6, Dutch str. *Celebes*, Koops, from Amsterdam for Batavia.

Dec. 8, British bq. *Urvati*, Hay, from Singapore for Mauritius.

Dec. 9, Norwegian ship, *Patriarch*, Yohanesen, from Port Natal for Anjor f.o. of Samarang.
Dec. 9, Dutch str. *Ophir*, de Boer, Dec. 9, from Batavia for Rotterdam.

Dec. 10, British str. *Franklyn*, Dec. 12, from Philadelphia for Yokohama.

Dec. 11, Dutch str. *Kuloi*, Eton, Nov. 6, from Rotterdam for Batavia.

Dec. 11, Dutch str. *Van Heemskerk*, Arnold, from Europe for Batavia.

Dec. 12, Dutch str. *Tantalus*, Kundenborg, Nov. 6, from Liverpool for Batavia.

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STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORTS	PALAWAN	2 P.M., 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
ANG, COLOMBO, PORTS	Capt. C. R. Longden, R.N.R.	Dec.	Passage.
SAID and MARSEILLES			
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE, SUMATEA, YOKOHAMA		About 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	About 7th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, via USUAL PORTS	DELHI	Neon, 8th Jan.	See Special of Call.
	Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	Jan.	Advertisement.
For further Particulars, apply to	E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.		

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.

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Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

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OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:

S.S. BRASILIA	5th Jan.
S.S. SEGOVIA	15th Jan.
S.S. SAMBIA	2nd Febr.
S.S. ANDALUSIA	9th Febr.
S.S. SAXONIA	17th Febr.
S.S. C. FEED. LAEISZ	27th Febr.
S.S. AMBRIA	12th March.

Further Particulars, apply to

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1910.

S.S. KIYO MARU	9,500 tons gross	Sail Feb. 26th, at Noon.
S.S. BUJO MARU	6,000 "	April 27th, at Noon.
S.S. AMERICA MARU	6,000 "	"

For particulars apply to N. YAMADA, Acting Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. 142

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

HONGKONG, 21st December, 1909.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHINAN"	On 30th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 2nd Jan., D'light
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 4th Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 6th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY	"CHANGSHA"	On 8th Jan., 4 P.M.
NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"CHINHUA"	On 9th Jan., D'light
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
MANILA	"LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUL"	DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA TWIN SCREW STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon.

FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS ("ANHUI," "CHENAN," "CHINHUA" and "LINAN") with excellent accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before Mid-night on SATURDAY, for the SUNDAY Morning sailings. A Co.'s launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 O'clock every SATURDAY Night.

These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

FARE, \$45 SINGLE and \$80 RETURN.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIBB, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. 11

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING.
HAITAN	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	THURSDAY, 30th Dec., 10 A.M.
Capt. J. S. Roach		
HAIMUN	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 2nd Jan., 10 A.M., 1910.
Capt. Evans		
HAIYANG	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 4th Jan., 10 A.M., 1910.
Capt. A. E. Hodges		

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. 10

EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI.

RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOCK.

SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION STEAMERS DATE OF SAILING.

MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN	CANTON	About 5th Jan., 1910.
GEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIQUE PORTS	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.,
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	Middle of Febr.,

COPENHAGEN and BALTIQUE PORTS ...

For Further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1909.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully paid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN
Route to EUROPE.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

On Saturday, the 1st, and on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1910, the office will be open from
8 till 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe on the 3rd January,
the Post Office will open for one hour only for the delivery thereof.

There will be no delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday, and the Money Order
Office will be entirely closed on the above dates.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale ... 50 cents each.

The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Chefoo if no steamer
is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

The Dernfinger with the German Mail of the 1st inst., left Singapore on Saturday, the 25th
instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Nera with the French mail of the 3rd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 28th
instant, at 6 a.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 4th Jan., at a.m. This
packet brings reply to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th October.

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DATE

Quang Chow Wan	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 a.m.
Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 a.m.
Antiochus	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 a.m.
Amoy	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Thursday, 30th, 1.15 p.m.
Macao	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Shantung	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Saigon	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Singapore	Thursday, 30th, 4.00 p.m.
Manila	Thursday, 30th, 5.00 p.m.
Dalny	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 a.m.
Manila, Yap, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Thursday, 30th, 5.00 p.m.
Pakhoi	Friday, 31st, 9.00 a.m.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Friday, 31st, 10.00 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Friday, 31st, 10.00 a.m.
Calcutta	Friday, 31st, 10.00 a.m.
Manchuria	Friday, 31st, 10.00 a.m.
Mathilde	Friday, 31st, 11.00 a.m.
Hanoi	Friday, 31st, 11.00 a.m.
Nansang	Friday, 31st, 11.00 a.m.
Prinz Sigismund	Friday, 31st, 11.00 a.m.
Hoihow	Friday, 31st, 11.00 a.m.
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Sui Tai	Friday, 31st, 1.15 p.m.
Braemar	Friday, 31st, 2.00 p.m.
Yuenzang	Friday, 31st, 3.00 p.m.
Cheongshing	Friday, 31st, 3.00 p.m.
Zafiro	Friday, 31st, 4.00 p.m.

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H. RUTTONJEE & SON,
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TO-DAY.

3 P.M.—Extraordinary General Meeting, China
Light and Power Co., Ltd.

3 P.M.—Auction of the late Gunboat "Rio
Lima," by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

9 P.M.—Baudoin No. 1 Comedy Co. at Theatre
Royal—Facing the Music."

—FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, 31st Dec.—Hongkong Dock Dances and
a Dance given by Commodore & Mrs. Lyon
on the Tamar.

Saturday, 1st January—Fifth Annual Sports
of Children's Races, Kowloon Cricket Club.

Monday, 3rd Jan.—Bank Holiday.

Thursday, 6th Jan.—Auction of Old and Con-
demned P. W. D. Stores, by Messrs.

Hughes & Hough.

Thursday, 10th Feb.—China New Year.

Tuesday, 15th Feb.—Hongkong Jockey Club
Races Begin.

OPIUM.

December 29th.

Quotations are:—
Malwa New ... \$1,370/1,400 per picoul.
Malwa Old ... \$1,410/1,420 " "
Malwa Old ... \$1,450/1,460 "

Persian fine quality ... \$1,100/1,200 "
Persian extra fine ... \$1,250/1,300 "

Patna New ... \$1,440 per chest.
Patna Old ... \$1,425 "

Benares New ... \$1,452 "

Benares Old ... "

ON SALE.

—BUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG
WEEKLY PRESS, January to June
1909. With INDEX. Price \$7.50.

On sale at the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS
Office.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1909.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 29th.

ON LONDON:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/4

Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/3

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 1/3

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 1/3

Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 1/3

Documentary Bills 4 months' sight/10/10

ON PARIS:—

Bank Bills, on demand ... 22/4

Credit, at 4 months' sight ... 23/4

ON GERMANY:—

On demand ... 184

ON NEW YORK:—

Bank Bills, on demand ... 43/8

Credit, at 60 days' sight ... 45

ON BOMBAY:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 133/4

Bank, on demand ... 133/4

ON CALCUTTA:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 133/4

Bank, on demand ... 133/4

ON SHANGHAI:—

Bank, at sight ... 75

Private, 30 days' sight ... 75/4

ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand ... 88

ON MANILA:—On demand ... 76/8

ON SINGAPORE:—On demand ... 102/4

ON BATAVIA:—On demand ... 82 1/2

ON HAPTONG:—On demand ... 82 1/2

ON SAIGON:—On demand ... 82 1/2

ON BANGKOK:—On demand ... 82 1/2

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate ... \$11.10

GOLD LEAR, 100 fine, per tael ... \$57.90

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per cent.

Chinese ... 20 cents pieces ... 7.95 discount

Chinese ... 10 " ... 7.27 "

Hongkong ... 20 " ... 7.64 "

Hongkong ... 10 " ... 7.02 "

per cent.

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